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SUBJ: REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCE OF GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL

REF: GENEVA 3858

1. WE AGREE COMPLETELY WITH KITAHARA THAT HE SHOULD HAVE MADE HIS PROPOSAL WHEN ALLOWANCE FOR DEPUTIES WAS BEING CONSIDERED. TO RAISE ISSUE NOW GIVES DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL (PRESUMABLY THE SOURCE OF THIS INITIATIVE) IS USING LEAPFROG TACTICS.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES (OR SALARIES) OF GATT SENIOR OFFICIALS SHOULD NECESSARILY BE TIED TO THOSE OF OFFICIALS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. NOR ARE WE PERSUADED THAT RECENT CHANGES IN EXCHANGE RATES OR INFLATION BY THEMSELVES JUSTIFY A RETROACTIVE INCREASE. WE BELIEVE THAT REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE FULLY AIRED IN THE BUDGET COMMITTEE BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL.

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3. THE QUESTION THAT SHOULD BE ASKED (BY THE BUDGET

COMMITTEE AT ITS REGULAR MEETING) IS WHETHER OR NOT
THE 10,000 DOLLARS (NOT 6,000 DOLLARS AS REPORTED REFTL)
IS AN ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCE FOR THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF GATT. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT IT IS,

ALTHOUGH WE WOULD AGREE TO EXPRESSING THE ALLOWANCE IN
SWISS FRANCS AND ROUNDING IT UP TO SF 30,000.

4. YOU SHOULD EXPRESS LOW KEY OPPOSITION TO COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER BEFORE IT IS CONSIDERED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. IF COUNCIL DOES DISCUSS IT AND
IF THERE IS CONSENSUS FOR RESOLVING QUESTION WITHOUT
BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION YOU SHOULD AGREE TO
EXPRESSING ALLOWANCE IN SWISS FRANCS BUT PRESS FOR A
FIGURE AS CLOSE TO SF 30,000 AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY
ACCEPT ANY CONSENSUS UP TO SF 45,000 BUT SHOULD REQUEST
THAT RECORD SHOW POINTS IN SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THIS
MESSAGE. ROGERS

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